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Re: Applicant: KAZAMA, Toshio
Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.
Title: Electroconductive Contact Unit Assembly
Serial No.: 09/743,536
Examiner: Nguyen, Vinh P. Int'l. App. Filing Date: July 9, 1999
Docket No.: AB-1101 US Group Art Unit: 2829

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (12 pages);
- (4) Petition for Extension of Time (1 page) and
- (5) Change of Correspondence Address.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

IN THE TITLE

Applicant requests that the records of the USPTO be corrected to reflect that the title of the invention is "Electroconductive Contact Unit Assembly".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 8 and 10 as set forth in Appendix A and add new claims 23-31 which are also included in Appendix A. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 a complete set of pending claims as amended is set forth below.

8. (Amended) An electroconductive contact unit assembly comprising an electroconductive contact unit in the form of a coil spring for resiliently contacting an object